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SUJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE
FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING, NEW DELHI, APRIL 6-11

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1. RATHER THAN CONTINUE WAIT FOR OPPORTUNITY MEET WITH DIRECTOR
MEA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT, POLCOUNS CALLED ON HIS
DEPUTY ZUBAIRU THIS MORNING TO MAKE DEMARCHE USING TALKING POINTS
PARA 12 REFTEL. MEETING WAS NOT COMPLETELY SATISFACTORY AND CONSISTED
PRIMARILY OF MONOLOGUE ON OUR PART TO WHICH ZUBAIRU LISTENED. HE
DID, HOWEVER, EXHIBIT MORE THAN PASSING INTEREST IN OUTCOME
OF PUERTO RICAN ELECTION ACD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON SEEKING MUTUAL
MILITARY RESTRAINT WITH SOVIET UNION IN INDIAN OCEAN.

2. ZUBAIRU PROMISED BRIEF NIGERIAN DELEGATION TO NON-ALIGNED
COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING ON SUBSTANCE OF TODAY'S CONVERSATION.
WE WILL CONTINUE SEEK OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT, OR AT LEAST CONFIRM HE HAS BEEN MADE AWARE
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OF OUR DEMARCHE.

3. NIGERIAN DELEGATION TO NEW DELHI MEET WILL BE HEADED BY
COMMISSIONER EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, BRIGADIER JOSEPH N. GARBA.
ACCORDING MEA, DIRECTOR MINISTRY'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
DEPARTMENT, AMBASSADOR H.B. MUSA, AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR MINISTRY'S
ECONOMIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, OLUFEMI ANI, WILL COMPLETE THE

DELEGATION. ALL THREE GENTLEMEN ARE APPROACHABLE AND KNOWN BY EMBASSY OFFICERS. THE COMMISSIONER PROBABLY HOLDS MOST BALANCED VIEWS OF THE THREE AND WILL TEND TO GIVE U.S. POSITIONS A FAIR HEARING. FOR EXAMPLE, AT LAST YEAR'S COLOMBO MEETING, HE WAS PROUD OF FACT HE AND NIGERIAN DELEGATION RESISTED PRESSURES TO CO-SPONSOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO, MUSA TENDS TO GO ALONG WITH MAJORITY, EXPLAINING AFTERWARD THAT NIGERIA CANNOT BE SEEN TO BE SUPPORTING THE WEST AGAINST MAJORITY OF NON-ALIGNED EVEN THOUGH NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT MIGHT NOT AGREE WITH A PARTICULAR DECISION. ANI IS CAPABLE TECHNOCRAT, WHO HAS BEEN OPENLY CRITICAL OF U.S. POSITION AT CIEC.

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